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For: USE OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL  
CRIMPING FIBRES FOR MAKING  
STAYING MATERIAL, AND  
RESULTING STAYING MATERIAL )**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****BOX PCT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) [The use of crimped fibers for the production of nonwoven surfaces intended to be used as interlining or filling fabric for garments,] Fabric having non-woven surfaces comprising crimped fibers, wherein said [characterized in that the] fibers have three-dimensional crimps and a yarn count of between 0.9 dtex and 5 dtex[, preferably between 1 and 3.3 dtex].

2. (Amended) The [use] fabric as claimed in claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the fibers are obtained by spinning a polyamide-based composition.